

# MARCH 5, 2002 PRIMARY ELECTION

FEDERAL OFFICES:	JUDICIAL OFFICES:
Congress, 18th , 19th, 20th and 21st Districts	Superior Court Judge
STATE OFFICES:	CITY OFFICES:
<b>Senate:</b> District 14 District 16 <b>Assembly:</b> District 29 District 30 District 31 <b>Governor</b> <b>Lieutenant Governor</b> <b>Secretary of State</b> <b>Controller</b> <b>Treasurer</b> <b>Attorney General</b> <b>Insurance Commissioner</b> <b>Bd. Of Equalization, 2nd District</b> <b>Superintendent of Public Instruction</b>	<b>Fresno City Council:</b> District 1 District 3 District 5 District 7
COUNTY OFFICES:	
Assessor-Recorder Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector Board of Supervisors: District 1 District 4 County Clerk District Attorney Public Administrator-Coroner Sheriff County Superintendent of Schools County Central Committee	

# **GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

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### **PARTISAN OFFICES**

A candidate for a partisan office shall have been registered with the political party the nomination of which he or she seeks, continuously for not less than three months prior to the time of presentation of the Declaration of Candidacy and shall not have been registered as affiliated with a political party other than that party, within twelve months immediately prior to the filing of the Declaration.

#### **Governor/Lieutenant Governor** (Partisan Office)

Term: 4 years

Citizen of the U.S., resident of California five years immediately preceding the election, and a registered voter. The Governor may not hold another office.

#### **Secretary of State/Controller/Treasurer** (Partisan Office)

Term: 4 years

Citizen of the U.S., resident of California, registered voter, and otherwise qualified to vote for that office. Candidates must not have served in the same office for more than two terms since November 1994.

#### **Attorney General** (Partisan Office)

Term: 4 years

Citizen of the U.S., resident of California, registered voter, and otherwise qualified to vote for that office. Additionally, the Attorney General shall have been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of their state for at least five years immediately preceding the election.

#### **Insurance Commissioner** (Partisan Office)

Term: 4 years

Citizen of the U.S., resident of California, registered voter. During tenure of office, may not be an officer, agent or employee of an insurer or directly or indirectly interested in any insurer or licensee under the California Insurance Code, except (a) as a policy holder, or, (b) by virtue of relationship by blood or marriage to any person interested in any insurer or licensee.

#### **Member, State Board of Equalization** (Partisan Office)

Term: 4 years

Citizen of the U.S., resident of the district, a registered voter, and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued.

### **United States Senator** (Partisan Office)

Term: 6 years

At least 30 years of age, a registered voter, citizen of the United States for at least 9 years, and a resident of the state when elected.

### **Representative in Congress** (Partisan Office)

Term: 2 years

At least 25 years of age, a registered voter, citizen of the United States for at least 7 years, and a resident of the state when elected. Note: There are no district residency requirements for Congress.

### **State Senator** (Partisan Office)

Term: 4 years

Citizens of the United States, registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued. Candidates must not have served more than two terms in the State Senate since November 1994.

### **State Assembly** (Partisan Office)

Term: 2 years

Citizens of the United States, registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued. Candidates must not have served more than three terms in the State Assembly since November 1994.

## **NONPARTISAN OFFICES**

Candidates for county or district offices who receive a majority vote at the Presidential Primary Election are declared elected. A Certificate of Election is issued to successful candidates and neither their names nor the office will appear on the November ballot. (E. C. 8140)

### **Superintendent of Public Instruction** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

Citizen of the U.S., a resident of California and a registered voter at the time nomination papers are issued. Candidates must not have served more than two terms as State Superintendent of Public Instructions since November 1994.

### **County or District Office** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

A registered voter of the county or district in which the duties of the office are to be exercised. See special qualifications for Board of Supervisors in Section No. 5. (G. C. 24001 and E. C. 201)

### **Board of Supervisors** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

A registered voter of the district for at least 30 days immediately preceding the deadline for filing nomination documents and shall reside in the district during his or her incumbency. (G. C. 25041)

**Judge of the Superior Court** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 6 years

Citizen of the United States, a registered voter, a member of the State Bar for ten years or have served as a judge of a California court of record for ten years immediately preceding the election. (G. C. 69502 requires residency within the county of the court for which a superior court judge is elected. However, it is the legal opinion of the Secretary of State's Office that this provision violates the California Constitution.) (Article VI, Section 15, of the California Constitution and E. C. 201)

**County Board of Education** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

A registered voter, an elector of the trustee area and elected by the electors of the trustee area. The County Superintendent of Schools, any member of his staff, or any employee of a school district are not eligible to be a member of the County Board of Education. (Ed. C. 1000, 1006 and E. C. 201)

**Assessor-Recorder** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

- (a) No person shall exercise the powers and duties of the office of assessor unless he or she holds a valid appraiser's certificate issued by the State Board of Equalization.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a duly elected or appointed person may exercise the powers and duties of assessor, for a period not to exceed one year, if he or she acquires a temporary appraiser's certificate from the State Board of Equalization within 30 days of election or appointment.

**Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

A registered voter, and:

- (a) Possess a valid certificate showing him/her to be a certified public accountant or
- (b) Possess a baccalaureate degree with a major in accounting or
- (c) Possess a certificate showing the person to be a designated professional internal auditor, with a minimum of 16 college semester units in accounting, auditing, or finance, or
- (d) Serve as county auditor or a deputy county auditor for at least three years.

**District Attorney** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

A registered voter and must have been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State.

**County Superintendent of Schools** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

A registered voter and must possess valid certification document authorizing administrative services.

**Sheriff** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

A registered voter and at the time of the final filing date for the election, he or she must meet one of the following criteria:

1. An Active or inactive advanced certificate issued by the Commission on Peace officer Standards and training.
2. One year of full-time, salaried law enforcement experience within the provisions of 830.1 or 830.2 of the Penal Code at least a portion of which shall have been accomplished within five years prior to the date of filing, and possesses a master's degree from an accredited college or university.
3. Two years of full-time, salaried law enforcement experience within the provisions of Section 830.1 or 830.2 of the Penal Code at least a portion of which shall have been accomplished within five years prior to the date of filing, and possesses a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
4. Three years of full-time, salaried law enforcement experience within the provisions of Section 830.1 or 830.2 of the Penal Code at least a portion of which shall have been accomplished within five years prior to the date of filing, and possesses an associate in arts or associate in science degree, or the equivalent, from an accredited college.
5. Four years of full-time, salaried law enforcement experience within the provisions of Section 830.1 or 830.2 of the Penal code at least a portion of which shall have been accomplished within five years prior to the date of filing, and possesses a high school diploma or the equivalent.

**Fresno City Council** (Nonpartisan Office)

Term: 4 years

A registered voter and have been for a period of at least 30 days immediately preceding the filing of nomination papers, a resident within the council district. (Fresno City Charter Section 304.1 and E. C. 201)